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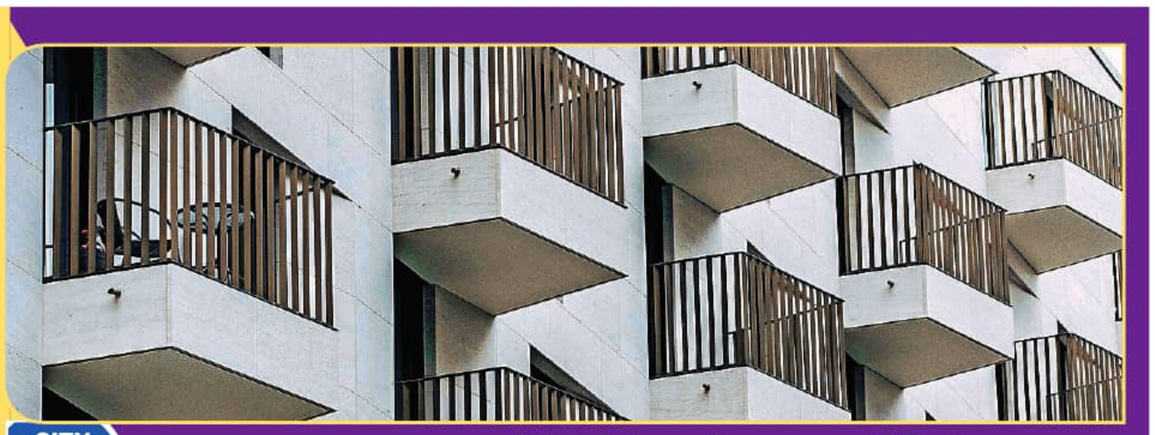

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Christmas spirit

Heritage enthusiast and historian leads walk covering around 12 iconic churches across a 10+ km route in city

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Commuters left perplexed by poorly placed, inadequate signages at numerous metro stations; problem more pronounced during peak hours when crowds, lack of guidance slow down passenger movement

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BMRCL's plan to rehaul signage system shelved abruptly

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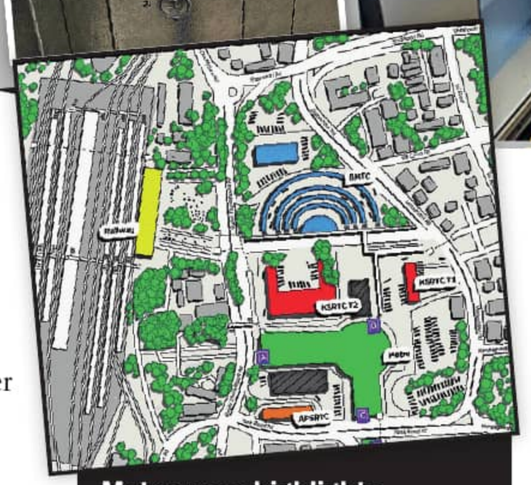

Metro user highlights confusing sign in lift; Map of Majestic, showing all the different transit systems within the area, by Bengawalk

Despite the steady expansion of Namma Metro and rising daily ridership, inadequate and poorly placed signages at several stations are causing confusion and inconvenience to commuters, particularly first-time users, senior citizens and tourists.

At multiple stations across the Purple and Green Lines and now the Yellow, directional signs guiding passengers to entry and exit points, platforms, elevators, washrooms and interchange corridors are either insufficient, unclear or inconsistently displayed. Commuters say the problem becomes more pronounced during peak hours, when crowds and the lack of visible guidance slow down passenger movement.

"Interchange stations are worse. You often have to rely on security staff or fellow passengers to find the correct platform. I was able to save time and navigate the interchange thoroughly only after repeated usage," said a commuter, who regularly travels from Attiguppe on the Purple Line to South End Circle on the Green Line.

"Got into a lift at Majestic metro. Never understood what 'P' and 'C' meant (referring to marked buttons inside). Wasn't sure if I had to press up or down. This is what happens when people with zero

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"Signages are not just about convenience; they are critical for safety and crowd management. Poor wayfinding can lead to bottlenecks, especially during emergencies
— Transport planner

The gift that keeps on taking

Stock broker by day, conman (also by day) dangles mobile phone carrot to steal from scores in city

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Earlier this year, Mitesh Jain of Bengaluru, received a phone as a 'gift' after being promised a credit card by who he believed was a private bank executive. Soon after activating his SIM card on the new device, he discovered that ₹14.6 lakh had been fraudulently transferred from his bank account. A case was registered at the Division CEN Police Station, the investigation into which opened up a can of worms.

The Southeast Division Cyber Crime (CEN) Police discovered that Jain was not the only victim of this crime. Several others too from the city had been trapped in this con. At the centre of it all was a 34-year-old stock broker, who orchestrated a large-scale online fraud by posing as a bank executive and cheating customers across Bengaluru and several other cities.

The accused allegedly lured victims by offering them premium credit cards with attractive facilities and a complimentary mobile phone purportedly sent by the bank, a tactic used to gain access to sensitive banking data and siphon off money from their accounts.

The accused, Ashish Ravindra

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THINGS TO DO

01 Festive fun

The Bay at Ecoworld by Brookfield Properties presents Sunday Soul Sante – Christmas Edition, bringing an exciting mix of shopping, dining, live music, and festive activities. **Where: The Bay at Ecoworld by Brookfield Properties, Bellandur; When: December 21, 11 am onwards**

02 In retrospect

Atta Galatta is presenting Letters of Connection, a community letter writing circle that was started in 2023 by Svaha Space, a creative arts mental health initiative. This circle offers the opportunity to look back at how much 2025 has brought in, taken out, and put to rest in your life. **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: December 21, 3.30 pm**

03 Jazz it up

The Indian Music Experience Museum (IME) is ending the year with an evening of Jazz featuring vocalist Radha Thomas and pianist Aman Mahajan, a duo known for their seamless improvisation, Hindustani-infused expression, and deep artistic chemistry. **Where: Indian Music Experience Museum, JP Nagar; When: December 20, 6 pm**

04 Music mania

Get ready for an unforgettable musical celebration as AP Dhillon brings a power-packed performance, in an immersive concert atmosphere that will leave fans spellbound. **Where: Embassy International Riding School, Papanahalli; When: Dec 19, 6.30 pm**

05 Eternal harmony

Windmills is set to present O Gaanewali, a moving tribute to the iconic women who shaped Hindustani semi classical music. The two-night showcase honours the lives and legacies of the legendary gaanewalis. **Where: Windmills, Whitefield; When: December 19 and 20, 9.30 pm**

Stories etched in stone

Heritage walk covering iconic churches in Bengaluru to offer participants glimpse into city's evolution of faith, tradition, and architecture over centuries

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File photo of Christmas celebrations at St Mary's Basilica

As Christmas approaches, Bengaluru's historic churches come alive with prayer, music, and centuries-old traditions that reflect the city's layered past. This festive season, the KYC JOY Walk, scheduled for December 21, invites citizens to experience the joy of Christmas through a unique heritage walk covering around 12 churches across a 10+ km route.

The walk will be led by Sunil Pichamuthu, heritage enthusiast and city historian, offering participants a deeper understanding of how the churches shaped the city's cultural and architectural landscape. The walk will trace the evolution of the city through some of its most iconic churches, many of which were built when Bengaluru was emerging as a cantonment town.

St Mark's Cathedral

Pichamuthu pointed out that the St Mark's Cathedral, established in 1808, is widely regarded as one of the oldest churches in Bengaluru and is a key landmark of the city's early cantonment era. "Built when Bengaluru was still evolving as a military and administrative settlement, the church initially served British officers and civilians stationed in the region. Its early structure reflected the simplicity of Anglican church design," he said.

He revealed that the church had also endured moments of crisis. A major fire once caused significant damage, following which the church had to be renovated. Restoration work focused on preserving the church's character while ensuring its safety and longevity.

St Patrick's Church

St Patrick's Church, established in 1848, was built at a time when a significant number of Irish soldiers and Irish catholic families were stationed in the city as part of the British military establishment. It became an important place of worship and a cultural anchor for this community, many of whom had travelled far from home and found familiarity in faith. Pichamuthu said that St Patrick's Church stands out for its Neo-Gothic style, a design language widely followed by Western churches during that period. He highlighted that one of the defining features of the church is its pointed arches and spires, which are characteristic of Neo-Gothic architecture.

St Mary's Basilica

St Mary's Basilica in Shivajinagar is considered to be another one of Bengaluru's oldest churches, with its history tracing back to the 17th century. In its earliest form, the church began as a small thatched chapel built by Christian settlers who gathered on the fringes of the old city. As more people began attending the church, it was rebuilt several times. The present building, constructed later, changed the church into a major city landmark with tall towers, wide arches, and a striking facade. When it was declared a basilica, it further highlighted the church's religious and historical importance.

Holy Trinity Church

The Holy Trinity Church was built primarily to serve the army population of Bengaluru's cantonment, especially soldiers stationed in the area during the 19th century. "Among them were Hussars and cavalry regiments, soldiers who moved and fought on horseback. As these troops were posted in and around the cantonment, there arose a clear need for a place of worship close to where they lived and trained," he said.

BPL income cap may be revised

The state government is considering a revision of the income ceiling for Below Poverty Line cards, Food and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa told the Assembly on Thursday during Question Hour at the Winter Session in Belagavi. Responding to questions, the minister said the Centre has fixed the BPL income limit at Rs 1.20 lakh a year, but with daily wage earners now earning around Rs 500 a day, annual incomes often cross Rs 1.80 lakh, necessitating a rethink. He pointed out that 73 per cent of families in the state currently hold BPL cards, far higher than the expected 50 percent, given Karnataka's strong tax contribution. He added that 7.75 lakh beneficiaries have been flagged as suspicious by the Centre. **— BMB**

Paper wastage: 80 pages, zero use

The government's push to save trees and protect the environment seems to have taken a backseat when it comes to the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET). Candidates were handed 112-page booklets for each of the two papers, even though only 25–35 pages in Paper 1 and 25–30 pages in Paper 2 were actually needed. The excess pages, largely unused, translate into 80 pages of wasted paper per booklet, contributing to massive loss of natural resources and an unnecessary financial burden. Candidates point out that most of the content is irrelevant to their subjects, forcing them to flip through unnecessary pages. The authorities collect a Rs 1,000 fee per candidate, which adds to the financial strain. Many argue that reducing booklet size would cut costs, save trees, and ease candidate stress. **— BMB**

Karnataka sees major shift to CBSE curriculum

As many as 375 private schools in Karnataka have moved from the state syllabus to the CBSE curriculum between 2022 and 2024, signalling a clear change in parental preference. Official data shows that 62 schools shifted in 2022 (16.5 per cent), the number jumped sharply to 169 schools in 2023 (45.1 per cent), before easing to 144 schools in 2024 (38.4 per cent). The three-year trend underlines a steady migration towards the central syllabus, driven by perceptions of better academic exposure and wider acceptance.

Educationists say the shift reflects growing confidence among parents that CBSE offers stronger teaching methods, NCERT-based content and a different assessment pattern compared to the state syllabus. The change has come even as the government debates reforms such as KPS schools to strengthen state-run education. Parent groups point to English-medium instruction, structured exams and perceived global relevance as key reasons, while school management representatives stress that improvements are needed in the state syllabus, especially from Classes 1 to 5, to arrest the outflow towards CBSE and ICSE schools. **— BMB**

First Gen-Z post office in B'luru

Bengaluru's Achyut Nagar has unveiled the state's first Generation-Z-themed post office, blending traditional postal services with modern, student-designed features to appeal to the younger generation. Housed within the Acharya Institute of Technology campus, the renovated post office offers a work café-style interior, free Wi-Fi, comfortable seating, laptop and mobile charging stations, and a 'Book Booth' stocked with reading materials and board games. Visitors can also digitally pay for services, use self-booking kiosks with QR code payments, and create personalised stamps featuring their own photographs at the 'My Stamp' counter. Karnataka Postal Circle Chief Postmaster General Prakash said that the establishment combines creativity and convenience, offering coffee vending, parcel packaging services, and DIY postal options, while displaying artworks crafted by students throughout the space. **— BMB**

R-Day flower show to showcase works of writer Tejaswi

Lalbagh Botanical Garden will host a special flower exhibition dedicated to the life and achievements of renowned writer KP Poornachandra Tejaswi from January 15 to 26. As part of the Republic Day celebrations, Lalbagh annually organises themed floral displays highlighting freedom fighters, poets, saints, historic landmarks, and eminent personalities, using flowers to educate the public. Next year, Tejaswi's multifaceted legacy: including his fiction, poetry, short stories, plays, literary criticism, environmental advocacy, and involvement in the farmer and wildlife movements will be showcased through creative floral art, models, and installations.

The Horticulture Department's expert committee recently held the first round of planning, with 25 members and officials finalising the concept for the exhibition. Born on April 8, 1938, in Kuppali, Shivamogga district, Tejaswi, son of the 'Rashtrakavi' Kuvempu, became a prominent independent writer who combined literary creativity with environmental awareness. The exhibition will include representations of his novels, his short stories, and his work with agriculture and ecology. Alongside, the exhibition will feature Ikebana, vegetable carving, bonsai displays, and horticulture workshops and competitions, providing an immersive experience for visitors. Officials have also consulted artists and literary experts to shape a display that fully reflects Tejaswi's enduring influence on literature and environmental thought. **— BMB**

Child dead, three hurt in under-construction site mishap

A four-year-old girl was killed and three others, including two children, were injured after hollow bricks fell from the fourth floor of an under-construction building onto a cement sheet shed at Chinnappana Halli, within the HAL Police Station limits, on Tuesday afternoon.

Police said the building is being constructed by a person identified as Srinivasulu, who allegedly failed to take adequate safety measures and precautions at the construction site, leading to the accident.

The shed that was hit is occupied by a labourer, Madhu, a native of Vijayapura district, who was residing there along with her family. The impact caused the cement sheet shed to collapse partially.

Baby Manushree, aged four, sustained severe injuries and was rushed to Jeevika Hospital, where doctors declared her brought dead. Two other children, Shriyan (6) and Shekhar (5), were injured and are currently undergoing treatment at a private hospital. Mamatha (30) also suffered injuries in the incident. Police have registered a case and are investigating the incident. **–BMB**

Man loses life in fatal bull attack

A 57-year-old resident of Hulimangala village in Anekal taluk, identified as Ramareddy, was tragically killed on Wednesday afternoon after being attacked by a stray bull.

The incident, which occurred around 3 pm on the outskirts of Bengaluru, was caught on a local shop's CCTV camera. Ramareddy was a regular walker on that specific stretch of road, and was reportedly caught off guard by the animal while passing.

Eyewitnesses described a chilling scene where the bull charged at the man without any provocation, lifting him into the air before violently tossing him to the ground. Bystanders from a nearby shop rushed to intervene, successfully shooing the bull away, but the victim had already sustained massive head injuries. Although he was rushed to a nearby hospital immediately, doctors declared him dead on arrival.

The Hebbagodi police have registered a case and are currently investigating the matter, using the harrowing CCTV footage and eyewitness accounts as primary evidence.

In the wake of the tragedy, local residents have voiced strong frustrations to the authorities regarding the lack of control over stray cattle and dogs, noting that these animals have become a persistent threat. **–BMB**

Three arrested for gang rape of college student

The Magadi Police, under the Bengaluru South District, have arrested three men, including two college students, in connection with the alleged gang rape of a 19-year-old college student in Magadi Town, with the incidents reported to have occurred over September and October this year.

The arrests were made on Wednesday, the same day the survivor approached the police and lodged a formal complaint. The accused have been identified as Vikas, Prashant, and Chetan, all residents of Magadi Town.

According to police officials, the survivor had come in contact with the prime accused, Vikas, around six to seven months ago. Both were college students and were acquainted through mutual interactions. Investigators stated that Vikas allegedly gained the survivor's trust under the pretext of a romantic relationship.

Police said that on several occasions, Vikas allegedly took the survivor to the residence of his friend Prashant, where she was sexually assaulted. During one such instance, another associate, Chetan, allegedly recorded videos of the assaults on his mobile phone.

The police further stated that the accused allegedly used the recorded footage to blackmail the survivor, threatening to circulate the videos if she refused to comply with their demands. Under this coercion, the survivor was allegedly forced to meet the accused whenever they summoned her.

Unable to endure the continued harassment and intimidation, the survivor finally approached the police and reported the matter. Following the complaint, the Magadi Police registered a case of gang rape and immediately initiated action, leading to the arrest of all three accused on the same day.

Police said further investigation is underway, including examination of digital evidence and verification of the sequence of events. **–BMB**

Man killed, two injured in road accident

A 61-year-old High Court advocate was killed after a car, reportedly travelling at high speed, lost control and triggered a chain collision near the RMV Club in Dollars Colony, Sanjaynagar, on Tuesday night. Two youths were also injured in the accident.

The incident occurred at around 7.28 pm on December 17, within the limits of the Sanjaynagar Traffic Police Station. According to the police, the deceased has been identified as N Ramachandra Reddy (61), a resident of HSR Layout. He was crossing the road near RMV Club, when a car, allegedly being driven at high speed and in a rash manner, rammed into him. The car was reportedly coming from the Devasandra signal towards RMV Club.

After hitting the pedestrian, the car continued at the same speed and crashed into a two-wheeler travelling ahead. The scooter rider, Bharath (19), and pillion rider, Swathi (23), were thrown onto the road and sustained injuries. The out-of-control car then collided with two parked vehicles, causing further damage.

Passersby rushed Reddy to MS Ramaiah Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries. Bharath and Swathi were shifted to Shirdi Sai Hospital for treatment. The car driver, identified as Shishir Patil, also sustained minor injuries. Police have registered a case and are investigating the matter further. **–BMB**

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THE GREAT CLEAN UP

Citizens draw the line: No spitting, no dirty streets

Initiative encourages citizens to report spitting, urinating in public spaces by sharing photos, videos or locations

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Citizens capture unhygienic areas for SPEE-FEE reporting and civic action

B.PAC and Bengaluru Post launch city-wide drive to track unhygienic behaviour, highlight problem areas, and encourage proper toilet usage, aiming for cleaner streets and safer public spaces

In an effort to address the growing problem of public spitting and urination in Bengaluru, the Bengaluru Political Action Committee (B.PAC), in collaboration with Bengaluru Post, a hyperlocal social media platform, has launched the SPEE-FEE Campaign, a city-wide civic initiative aimed at improving hygiene and public health. Under the campaign, spitting and urinating in public are collectively referred to as "SPEEing", acts that pose serious health risks and inconvenience to the general public. Individuals caught engaging in such acts are termed "SPEEers", while locations where these practices frequently occur are identified as "SPEE Spots." The core idea of the campaign is SPEE-FEE, which calls for levying special fines on offenders to discourage repeat violations.

Sachin Tantry, Manager – Communication and Outreach at B.PAC, said, "The campaign encourages citizens to actively participate by reporting locations where spitting and urination in public spaces are common. Residents are asked to share location details along with photographs or videos of the affected spots, ensuring that no individuals are identifiable in the visuals. Once reported, Bengaluru Post will highlight these SPEE Spots on its social media channels and tag the relevant civic authorities, urging them to take corrective action. Follow-up posts will track whether cleanup, enforcement, or preventive measures have been implemented, creating transparency and accountability."

Beyond reporting and cleanup, the SPEE-FEE Campaign focuses strongly on public awareness. It aims to educate citizens about the health risks linked to spitting and open urination, including the spread of infections and the degradation of shared public spaces. The campaign also promotes the use of public toilets and responsible civic behaviour.

Some of the places that have been reported by citizens include electric poles opposite Vidhana Soudha near the Metro entrance, Jayanagar Bus Stand, and Lalbagh West Gate entrance next to the Metro entrance.

Another key aspect of the initiative is advocating for strict enforcement of rules and fines, along with the need for more accessible and well-maintained public toilets, particularly in areas where such violations are frequently reported.

B.PAC and Bengaluru Post are also planning to meet officials from the GBA to explore a collaboration. Under this proposed partnership, reported SPEE Spots will be highlighted by B.PAC through posts on Bengaluru Post, while GBA will take corrective measures. The campaign will then showcase before-and-after visuals to demonstrate real change on the ground. "The idea is to convert everyday frustration into structured civic action. This campaign creates a clear path from citizen reporting to media amplification and, finally, to government response," said Anil Budur Lull, Founder & Editor of Bengaluru Post.

With the slogan "Spot it. Report it. Clean it," the SPEE-FEE Campaign aims to make the city cleaner and healthier.

Colourful change on Nagasandra walkway

Volunteers, including toddlers, transform debris-strewn stretch near Nagasandra Metro into a colourful pedestrian-friendly space

A group of volunteers, including sanitation workers, have transformed a stretch of footpath near Nagasandra Metro Station in North Bengaluru from debris-filled and inaccessible to a walkable space for pedestrians.

On Sunday, Youth for Parivarthan volunteers, in association with the Bangalore North City Corporation (Greater Bengaluru Authority), cleared tonnes of waste, restored the footpath, and reclaimed it for the public. With groundwork done by sanitation workers, over 100 volunteers painted, beautified, and dedicated the spot with portraits of Indian and Karnataka legends, turning an unsightly area into a symbol of pride.

"Our gratitude to the GBA staff, authorities, and every volunteer. This is not just beautification; this is Parivarthan. When citizens and institutions come together, cities transform!" said Amith Amarnath, Founder President of Youth for Parivarthan. He appreciated two-and-a-half-year-old volunteer Tejasvi Gautam and his mother Harshitha SK for participating. Harshitha, pursuing an M.Sc at Nrupathunga University, said the campaign helped her teach civic responsibility to her son.

Volunteer Raghavendra Hebbar said, "I consider it my contribution to Bengaluru. I hope others join such programmes to keep the city clean and tidy."

— Y Maheswara Reddy

Hebbal flyover all set for extra loop

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) is set to open an additional loop at the Hebbal flyover, with construction of a new two-lane stretch nearing completion. As part of the flyover expansion, an extra 200-metre-long loop connecting the service road to the main carriageway is in its final stages and is expected to be opened to traffic next week. Officials said the remaining minor works, including electrical installations, are being completed this week to enable temporary traffic movement over the weekend. New Hebbal loop to ease airport traffic; both loops set to reduce junction congestion. Asphalt done, traffic to start immediately and will begin without a formal inauguration. — BMB

Faulty sensors leave city flood-blind

The BDA is set to open an additional two-lane loop at Hebbal flyover next week, connecting the service road to the main carriageway. Minor works, including electrical installations, are being completed to allow temporary traffic movement over the weekend.

Meanwhile, a CAG report highlights serious gaps in Karnataka's disaster management systems. Nearly half of Bengaluru's stormwater drain sensors and many state rain gauges and weather stations are defunct, raising concerns over preparedness for extreme rainfall. The audit also flagged inconsistencies in lightning death records, compensation data, and a rise in groundwater-stressed taluks from 35 to 45, urging urgent action on water conservation. — BMB

Ulsoor Lake set for waterway makeover

GBA Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao also asked officials to draw up a plan to create a civic waterway on the lines of the K-100 model through the rajakaluves feeding Ulsoor Lake, and to fast-track lake rejuvenation works. He said projects such as a walking track, RCC retaining walls, lake redesign, island development and desilting must be completed, with public access ensured around the lake. — BMB

Green light for Russell Market revamp

GBA Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao on Thursday directed officials to immediately invite tenders for the redevelopment of the heritage Russell Market in Shivajinagar, stating that the detailed project report is ready and that execution should begin without delay. During an inspection of the Shivajinagar Assembly segment, he said the market must be modernised while preserving its heritage character, with temporary arrangements made to ensure traders are not inconvenienced. He also called for proper drainage, water-free parking areas, solid waste segregation and composting, fire safety systems, toilets, granite flooring in public walkways, a revamped clock tower and area upgrades, alongside a property tax drive. — BMB

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Illegal equipment

Byappanahalli Road

An unregistered contractor's heavy equipment was driven on Byappanahalli Road near Stone Park, Devarachikkannahalli, causing minor damage to the road last night in front of the Swachh Bharat Playground.

Dark streets

Sahakaranagar

Two streetlights have remained non-functional for the past two months on 12th Main Road, Sahakaranagar.

Rotting rubbish

Brunton Road

Months of rubbish left to rot on Brunton Road have frustrated residents, with no action from the authorities.

Kids first: K'taka adopts interim parenting rules

Interim rules on child custody and access rolled out statewide until formal regulations are framed

The Karnataka High Court has directed all trial courts in the State to follow the Child Access and Custody Guidelines along with the Parenting Plan, 2025, approved by the Calcutta High Court, until formal rules are framed and notified by the High Court's Rule-Making Committee.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Poonacha issued the direction while hearing a suo motu petition highlighting the growing number of custody disputes arising from cross-border migration and personal conflicts, in which children often become the most affected stakeholders.

"We direct that the said guidelines be placed before the Rule-Making Committee for consideration of the necessary changes. In the meantime, the Registrar General shall circulate these guidelines to all District Judges, Family Courts, and Magistrates in the State exercising jurisdiction in matters relating to the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005," the Bench said. The court clarified that the guidelines would remain applicable until rules framed by the Rule-Making Committee receive approval in accordance with law.

The suo motu proceedings drew attention to the lack of uniformity in the definition of "natural guardian" across different personal laws, and stressed the need for structured guidelines that take into account the psychological well-being of the child before custody or access orders are passed. The petition also urged the State to consolidate existing laws and best practices, incorporating scientific and professional expertise on a child's best interests, and to establish expert-led mechanisms for such assessments.

During the hearing, counsel informed the court that the Child Access and Custody Guidelines along with the Parenting Plan, 2025, were formulated through consultations with multiple stakeholders and had been placed before the Calcutta High Court. By an order dated September 23, 2025, the Calcutta High Court had directed the circulation and implementation of the guidelines until formal rules were framed.

The Karnataka High Court noted that the Calcutta High Court had finalised guidelines and ordered their interim application, and said adopting them would ensure a uniform, child-centric approach across courts. **–BMB**

Rights alone wont save you: UAPA accused warned

HC cites Gandhi's words on constitutional duties while denying bail in DJ Halli case

The Karnataka High Court has declined to grant bail to an accused booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), observing that constitutional rights cannot be claimed in isolation from the performance of constitutional duties. While dismissing the plea, the court cited Mahatma Gandhi to underline the balance between rights and responsibilities.

A Division Bench of Justices KS Mudagal and Venkatesh Naik T were considering the bail application filed by Wajid Pasha KM, who is facing charges in connection with violent incidents that occurred at the DJ Halli police station in Bengaluru in 2020.

The accused argued that his prolonged incarceration violated his right to personal liberty guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution. He also contended that there had been an inordinate delay in the commencement of the trial and sought bail on the ground of parity, citing the release of certain co-accused.

Rejecting these submissions, the High Court referred to Mahatma Gandhi's observation that rights flow from the discharge of duties, and stressed that fundamental rights are meaningful only when citizens adhere to their fundamental duties as set out in Article 51A of the Constitution.

The prosecution alleged that the accused was part of a large mob that indulged in rioting, vandalism, arson, and attacks on police personnel following a controversial social media post. It was submitted that public property was damaged and police officials were prevented from discharging their lawful duties.

The court noted that the material on record indicated prima facie involvement of the accused in the alleged offences. It further observed that the stringent conditions under Section 43D(5) of the UAPA restrict the grant of bail when there is reasonable ground to believe that the accusations are true.

The Bench also rejected the plea for parity, holding that bail granted to other accused could not automatically be extended to the petitioner, given the specific allegations and role attributed to him. The court added that delays in the proceedings could not be entirely attributed to the prosecution.

Citing the seriousness of the charges and the UAPA bar, the High Court dismissed the bail plea. **–BMB**

88 police personnel face criminal cases

Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara on Thursday said that criminal cases had been registered against 88 police personnel and officers for their alleged involvement in criminal activities.

He said the accused had been arrested and suspended and would be dismissed from service if the charges were proved.

Disciplinary action is being taken against the personnel under the Karnataka State Police (Disciplinary Procedure) (Amendment) Rules, he said. The minister was replying to a question raised by MLC TA Saravan in the Legislative Council. "Such cases have existed in the police department earlier as well. The department has 1,099 police stations and about 1.06 lakh personnel, and it is unfair to generalise and blame everyone," Parameshwara said.

Stating that those involved in criminal activities would not be spared, he said, "Criminal cases and FIRs have been registered against 88 personnel. They have been suspended and, in some cases, arrested."

"Strict action will be taken. Not just suspension — recommendations have recently been made to dismiss personnel in cases where charges are proved. I have instructed officials not to stop at suspension alone," he added.

The minister said directives have been issued to prevent police misconduct. Senior officers will monitor performance, report illegal activities, conduct integrity checks, and run training on ethics and legal duties. Coordination meetings are underway to improve efficiency, and higher authorities are providing guidance. **–PTI**

Night out turns ugly at Nagarabhavi pub

A late-night incident was reported at a pub in west Bengaluru, where an organisation leader has been accused of harassing a young woman while intoxicated. The incident allegedly took place at around 12.30 am on Thursday, at the Cycle Gap pub in Nagarabhavi, within the jurisdiction of the Jnanabharathi police station.

According to the complaint, the accused, identified as Umesh, Chairman of the Jayant Foundation in RR Nagar, allegedly introduced himself as a close associate of a political leader. The young woman alleged that he approached them in an inebriated state and persistently asked for their phone numbers. When they refused, he allegedly misbehaved, used indecent language and physically harassed them.

Following the incident, the women approached the Jnanabharathi police station and lodged a formal complaint. Senior police officials said a case has been registered and the accused is being interrogated. Statements of the victims are being recorded, and CCTV footage from the pub is also being examined. Umesh has also filed a counter-complaint. Further investigation is under way, police added. **–BMB**

Sticker of shame: Kodigehalli residents slam police inaction

Kodigehalli residents return police campaign sticker after mobile snatchings, drug harassment, and suspicious intruders expose persistent police inaction

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Residents' complaints and frustration with Kodigehalli Police suggest urgent action is needed to protect law-abiding citizens from thieves, mobile snatchers and drug addicts. In protest at the failure to provide security, one resident returned the Mane Manege Police (Door-to-Door Police) sticker, a people-friendly initiative, which had been pasted on the building gate.

"I respectfully return this sticker to the Department as the campaign's purpose has not been fulfilled. The tepid response and unsettling attitude and remarks of the officers have further shaken my trust in the department. I firmly believe that Dharma will prevail, as I trust in God and Karma. Regards and Best Wishes," said Kodigehalli resident Sheetal Rao.

A resident of the area shows a gas pipe that was damaged when thieves took the LPG cylinder

Sheetal Rao said that she had reported suspicious individuals and those entering homes under the pretext of collecting donations. "I asked the police to act, but they did nothing. I also reported that children were being harassed by drug addicts, yet no action followed. Eventually, my mobile phone was snatched on December 12, while I was on a call near my home," she said.

Police inaction compelled her to write to the Deputy Commissioner of Police, North East Division, explaining that a constable said they could not be everywhere due to manpower shortage. She requested that the Kodigehalli Police Inspector provide security for her family.

Kodigehalli Police have now registered a First Information Report (FIR) under Section 304(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023. "I obtained a medical certificate for my injuries from Government General Hospital, Yelahanka. I enquired about the investigation, but the response was vague. The police advised me to install CCTV cameras near my home," she added.

Other residents also expressed frustration with Kodigehalli Police. Venkatesh Rao M said the police were apathetic when he and others lodged a complaint against a BESCOM engineer. Akhilesh G recalled being advised to hire a private security guard after reporting a theft, leaving him shocked.

Kodigehalli Police Inspector denied all allegations, asserting that steps have been taken to ensure residents' security and safety.

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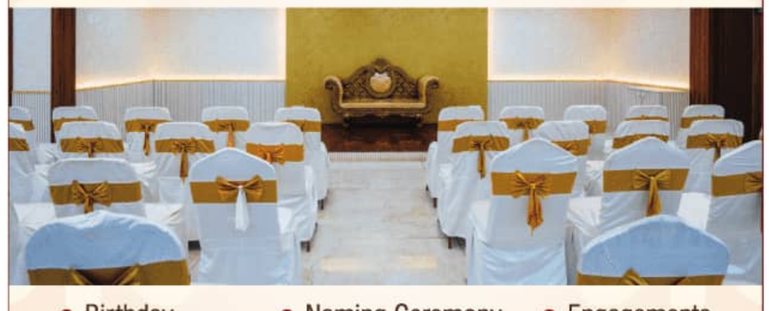

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39% of rental home seekers are women

For thousands of women moving to Bengaluru every year, renting a home is the first step toward independence. Rising number of women renters is reshaping city's rental market, influencing where homes are in demand, how much people are willing to pay, and what they expect from landlords and rental platforms.

Today, women account for around 39% of all rental home seekers in Bengaluru, one of the highest shares among Indian cities. According to experts, this makes women a core part of the city's rental economy, not a small or niche group. "Women are increasingly renting independently, driven by career opportunities, education, and long-term plans in the city. Their preferences are now shaping how the rental market works. Over the past year, we have seen a nearly 40% rise in rental queries from women in Bengaluru," said Saurabh Garg, Co-founder and Chief Business Officer, NoBroker.

Micro-markets with double-digit rental growth

- **Ramamurthy Nagar: 10%** Affordable housing and metro access
- **Electronic City: 11%** Metro expansion and strong IT presence
- **Bellandur: 12%** Central location and high livability
- **KR Puram: 12%** Metro lines and ORR connectivity
- **BTM Layout: 12%** Favoured by students and young professionals

Most working women renters are active in the Rs 15,000 to Rs 50,000 monthly rent range. This price band offers a balance between affordability and access to gated communities, security, and proximity to employment hubs. With Bengaluru's heavy traffic and long commute times, living close to the workplace has become a top priority. — BMB

Homebuyers seek stronger RERA enforcement for ownership rights

Forum urges government to empower authorities to transfer land titles, regulate associations, enforce conveyance deeds under RERA timelines strictly

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The Karnataka Home Buyers' Forum demanded the state government to ensure compliance of the Section 17 of Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 by the promoters and builders in the state for the benefit of home buyers. As per Section 17 of the Act, promoters are required to execute a registered conveyance deed in favour of the allottee, along with the undivided proportionate title in common areas, and hand over physical possession of the apartment, plot or building, as applicable. The common areas must also be transferred to the association of allottees or the competent authority after completion of the project.

In a detailed letter to the Greater Bengaluru Authority and the Urban Development Department, the forum flagged widespread delays in transferring title deeds even years after projects receive completion certificates. It urged the government to empower the competent authority with executive powers to initiate transfer of title in the name of the apartment association if promoters fail to do so within five years of project completion.

The forum argued that ownership of apartment land should be transferred to associations for a nominal fee of ₹2,000, noting that individual flat owners already pay full stamp duty while registering their homes along with the undivided share of land. Prolonged retention of land titles by developers, it said, weakens residents' legal rights and complicates maintenance, redevelopment and dispute resolution.

It further recommended mandatory registration of every apartment association with the competent authority. The authority should issue model bye-laws clearly defining the roles, responsibilities and duties of associations, managing committees, members and promoters, and allot a unique registration number to each association. To ensure transparent governance, the forum proposed that authorities appoint an election returning officer to oversee fair and timely elections for managing committees. It also suggested that apartment associations establish internal grievance redressal mechanisms to resolve minor disputes through alternative dispute resolution methods.

Unresolved disputes should be taken to the competent authority, while the forum urged creation of an Appellate Authority with civil court powers for appeals by associations statewide. It said timely enforcement would strengthen buyer confidence, improve governance, and curb prolonged legal uncertainty in apartment projects across Karnataka.

Mandatory registration of apartment associations with unique IDs and model bylaws is proposed to improve governance & accountability

Citing delays by builders, the Karnataka Home Buyers' Forum wants automatic title transfer after five years, mandatory association registration, model bylaws, fair elections, and appellate mechanisms to protect flat owners.

Final voters' list for GBA wards by March 16

The State Election Commission has scheduled the preparation of the final voters' list for 369 wards under the Greater Bengaluru Authority on March 16. The Chief Commissioner of the GBA has been appointed as the District Election Officer, while the five City Corporation Commissioners will serve as Additional District Election Officers. Electoral Registration Officers and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers have been tasked with supervising the process. The exercise will begin with the publication of the draft voters' list on Jan 19. This will be followed by door-to-door verification from Jan 20 to Feb 3. The window for filing and rectifying objections will be open from Feb 4 to Feb 18. Officials have been directed to ensure accuracy and adherence to timelines. The Commission has warned that District and Additional District Election Officers will be held accountable for any lapses. — BMB

Mandatory cause of death certificates planned

The Karnataka government is considering making the cause of death mandatory on death certificates, with a pilot project underway in Chikkaballapur district that may soon extend to Bengaluru and other regions. Officials said the move aims to bridge a major public health data gap, as only 22.5% of deaths in India currently have medically certified causes. Launched by the Indian Council of Medical Research through its National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research, the pilot seeks to ensure medical classification of all deaths, including those outside hospitals. Under the system, families must approach local medical officers with records and answer structured questionnaires. However, doctors' reluctance and procedural hurdles have caused delays. Authorities say reviews are ongoing. Scientists stress accurate mortality data is vital for disease surveillance, health planning, and legal and compensation processes. — BMB

K'taka to launch student-led Balya Rakshana Pade for child safety

NCC and NSS volunteers will act as responders, linking campuses with police to identify abuse and support children in distress

With incidents of abuse against children on the rise, the Karnataka government is set to roll out a new child protection initiative called the 'Balya Rakshana Pade', on the lines of the state's women-focused 'Akka Pade'. The idea is simple but striking. Bring student volunteers closer to the frontlines of child safety.

As part of the plan, students from National Cadet Corps and National Service Scheme units in schools and colleges will serve as representatives of the child protection force, acting as the first point of support for children, especially girl students, in distress. The initiative follows recommendations of a committee headed by Congress leader V S Ugrappa and has taken shape after a series of review meetings involving multiple departments.

Under the proposal, NCC and NSS students will be required to register with local police stations and operate within their campuses and surrounding areas. Their role will include identifying instances of harassment or abuse in schools, colleges, hostels and public spaces, and ensuring timely assistance reaches those in need. Officials said clear guidelines on the nature of intervention and age-appropriate support mechanisms will be issued shortly.

Volunteers registered with local police stations will operate within educational institutions, helping identify abuse and guide victims toward assistance.

The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports has already written to universities and colleges, asking them to sensitise NCC and NSS volunteers and initiate the process of forming the Balya Rakshana Pade units. Educationists believe the move will give student volunteers a stronger sense of responsibility.

Officials note that similar community-linked models have worked effectively in women's safety initiatives across the state. Visvesvaraya Technological University has become the first institution to act, directing its affiliated colleges to begin setting up the force, with leaders calling it timely and necessary across Karnataka campuses statewide, stressing coordination, accountability, regular monitoring and sustained training to ensure the initiative delivers meaningful protection outcomes.

Assembly passes tough law against social boycott

The Karnataka Legislative Assembly on Thursday unanimously passed the Karnataka Social Boycott (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Bill, 2025, during the winter session at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi. Piloted by Social Welfare Minister H C Mahadevappa, the Bill seeks to curb unconstitutional practices such as caste panchayats enforcing social boycotts, harassment and punitive measures, with the objective of eradicating the practice from society. Members cutting across party lines supported the legislation. During the debate, MLA T B Jayachandra noted that Clause 12 allowed victims or their family members to file complaints with the police or directly approach a First Class Judicial Magistrate. He urged empowering police to register cases suo motu. The government accepted the proposal, incorporated the amendment, and the House passed the Bill. — BMB

Forest encroachments grow unchecked inside Kali Tiger Reserve

Forest land occupation rises in Kali Reserve, eviction actions stalled, accountability absent, disciplinary orders unimplemented, protected ecosystems face continued administrative neglect

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Over the last six years, the state forest department has registered 35 cases of forest encroachment within the Kali Tiger Reserve (KTR).

According to official data, a total of 38 acres and 16 guntas of forest land inside the reserve was encroached upon in these cases between 2019–20 and 2025–26. However, eviction has taken place on only 14 guntas so far. As many as 28 cases remain unresolved, meaning over 38 acres of forest land within KTR continues to be under encroachment.

In Belagavi district, the situation is equally worrying. A total of 85 encroachment cases involving 92 acres and 31 guntas of forest land were registered during the same period. Of these, only two cases — covering 26 acres — have been cleared, while the remaining 83 cases are still pending at various stages of action.

These details were shared by Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre during the ongoing Assembly session on December 17.

Experts have raised serious concerns over the continued emergence of fresh encroachment cases, stating that it reflects a failure on the part of forest officials to prevent illegal occupation of forest land.

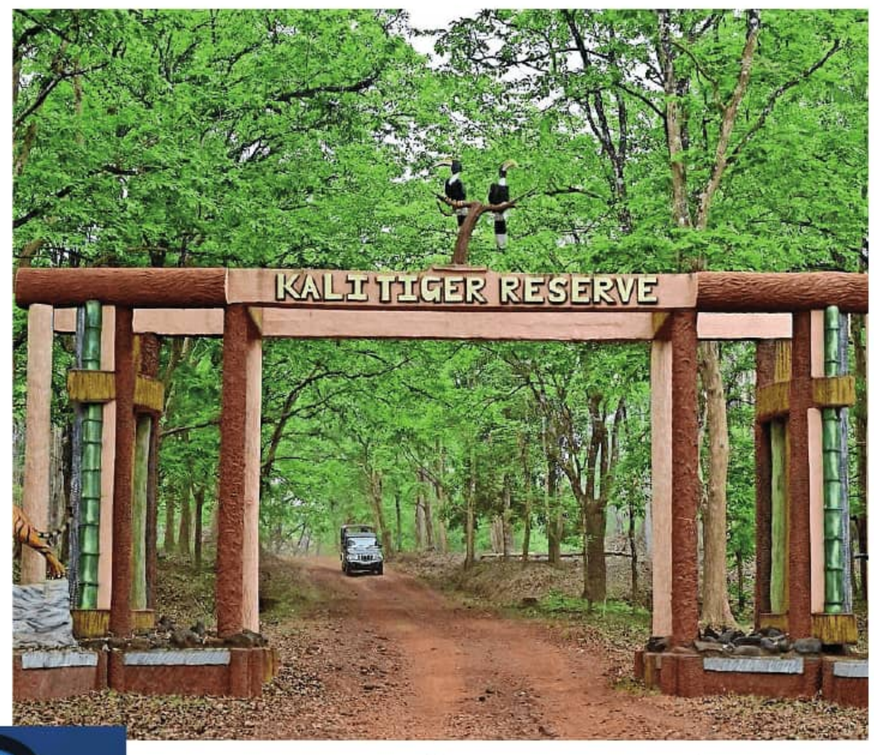
"The Supreme Court's judgment of 2002 clearly states that any encroachment on forest land should be immediately evicted, and disciplinary action must be taken against senior officials responsible for allowing such violations. However, in Belagavi and the Kali Tiger Reserve, several encroachments have occurred in recent years. Despite this, the forest department has failed to ensure timely evictions, which amounts to dereliction of duty by officials," said a wildlife conservationist.

The Supreme Court had categorically stated that no fresh encroachments on forest land should be allowed and that in cases of violations, the Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) of the concerned subdivision should be held accountable. It also noted that any forest department official facilitating encroachment could face prosecution.

In addition, in 2018, the Head of Forest Force of Karnataka issued an order mandating disciplinary action against officials ranging from chief conservator of forests to forest guards in cases where encroachment occurred and eviction was not carried out immediately. The order also included disciplinary proceedings against DCFs, Assistant Conservators of Forests and Zonal Forest Officers who failed to prevent encroachment or allowed forest land to be occupied.

Experts point out that despite these clear directives, there has been little evidence of disciplinary action against erring officials in encroachment cases, indicating a lack of seriousness within the department.

"Forest encroachments continue unchecked, yet no action is taken against officials responsible. This shows a complete failure at every level — from preventing encroachment to holding officers accountable for negligence," the conservationist added.



Supreme Court orders ignored, forest encroachments remain unchecked, officials inactive

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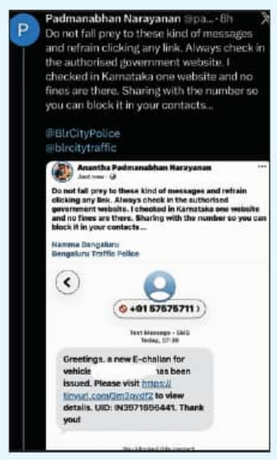
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A social media user warns commuters against fake traffic violation messages carrying suspicious links. Bengaluru Traffic Police have clarified such SMS alerts are fraudulent. Citizens are urged to verify fines only through official government websites and block unknown numbers to avoid scams.

A Chennai-based social media page heaps praise on Kempegowda International Airport, calling it visionary, magnificent, and a city within itself. With world-class facilities and design, BLR Airport sets a benchmark metro connectivity aside, it remains top notch.

INBRIEF

Ad turns BMTC buses revenue engines

The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has rolled out a large-scale advertising initiative across 3,400 buses, expected to generate Rs 263.41 crore over the next three to four years. Under existing contracts, advertisements are displayed on 3,000 ordinary buses and 400 Volvo buses, excluding front, rear glass and windows. BMTC earns a fixed monthly licence fee of Rs 12,616 per ordinary bus and Rs 25,255 per Volvo bus, creating a significant non-fare revenue stream for the financially strained transport body.

Official estimates show advertisements on 3,000 ordinary buses fetch Rs 3.78 crore monthly, or Rs 45.41 crore annually, totalling Rs 227.08 crore over five years. Meanwhile, 400 Volvo buses generate over Rs 1 crore per month, amounting to Rs 12.10 crore annually and Rs 36.32 crore over three years. Higher rates apply to Volvo buses as they operate on premium routes, including airport services and IT corridors. BMTC officials said strict conditions apply, banning advertisements for alcohol, tobacco and environmentally harmful products, and warning of legal action for violations of central and state advertising norms. Officials expect steady long-term income. –BMB

3,400 BMTC buses turn mobile advertising platforms

Highway QR codes draw public criticism

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has begun installing QR code-based information boards on select highways in and around Bengaluru to aid emergency services and improve commuter convenience. The initiative has been implemented on National Highway 48 along the Bengaluru–Nelamangala stretch and National Highway 75 on the Bengaluru–Kolar–Mulbagal route. NHAI officials said scanning the QR codes enables motorists to access details on highway expansion works, nearby toll plazas, roadside amenities and emergency contacts, including highway patrol teams, engineers, police stations, hospitals and the national highway helpline.

However, the initiative has drawn criticism from road users and netizens, many of whom have questioned its usefulness and transparency. Several users pointed out that the QR codes currently display limited information such as the name of the local MLA, contractor details and project cost, falling short of expectations. There are also concerns that vehicles slowing down or stopping to scan the boards could worsen traffic congestion on busy stretches. Some have alleged the move is a waste of public money and questioned whether it truly delivers the transparency repeatedly promised earlier nationally. –BMB

Motorists doubt benefits of highway QR initiative

Computer Science graduate puts his skills to misuse

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Nathan, a B.Sc. Computer Science graduate, originally from Ahmedabad, leveraged his technical knowledge to execute the fraud and conceal digital trails, police said.

Modus operandi

According to investigators, the accused contacted potential victims by phone, posing as a private bank official, and offered them exclusive credit cards. As part of the supposed onboarding process, he sent a mobile phone worth approximately ₹9,000 to victims, claiming it to be a complimentary gift from the bank.

Victims were instructed to insert their existing SIM cards into the new phone and complete certain formalities. Once the SIM was activated, the accused allegedly gained access to OTPs, banking alerts, and personal data, allowing him to hack into victims' bank accounts and transfer money through net banking platforms.

Police said the stolen funds were subsequently diverted and invested in cryptocurrency, a move that initially complicated the financial trail.

How his web unravelled

As police examined Jain's case, they found multiple complaints with a similar pattern across Bengaluru. Investigators tracked the private courier executive, who had delivered the mobile phone to the complainant, leading them to the accused's communication trail.

Police discovered that the accused placed delivery orders and coordinated logistics using WhatsApp calls. Call Detail Records (CDRs) obtained from service providers revealed that the accused was operating using 33 email IDs and five SIM cards, all linked to a single mobile device.

Further analysis showed that the defrauded money was being routed through a cryptocurrency platform. With assistance from the company, investigators traced the IP address used for transactions, which led them to Ahmedabad.

According to police, customers have to be extra alert during the festive season to such frauds. "Christmas and New Year season is prime time for cybercriminals who use festive excitement, increased online shopping, and emotional triggers to run scams like fake discounts, lottery wins, and fake delivery notifications to steal money and personal data, so vigilance, verifying sources, and avoiding suspicious links are crucial to stay safe. They use AI for personalised phishing, fake e-cards, and fake offers to exploit the holiday spirit of giving and urgency, making it harder to spot fraud," said a police official.

The official said it is also because many prefer to shop if given an offer, gifts or discounts which the fraudsters capitalise on.

Arrest and seizure

A special police team led by Inspector Ishwari PN was dispatched to Gujarat, where the accused was arrested from Sai City Township, Ahmedabad.

During searches, police seized eight mobile phones, two laptops, two pen drives, one debit card, four cheque books and ₹22,600 in cash.

Police said the accused had cheated at least 68 victims in Bengaluru alone, causing losses amounting to several crores of rupees. Investigators also confirmed his involvement in similar cases reported from Mumbai, Pune, Delhi, Goa, and Ahmedabad.

Police said the accused secured bail within days of his arrest and is currently absconding.

Efforts are underway to trace his whereabouts and initiate further legal action.

No attention to passenger-friendly signages

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empathy design," said a social media user.

Urban mobility experts point out that clear and standardised signage is a basic requirement for any mass transit system. "Signages are not just about convenience; they are critical for safety and crowd management," said a transport planner. "Poor wayfinding can lead to bottlenecks, especially during emergencies."

While Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has invested heavily in infrastructure and network expansion, commuters say attention to passenger-friendly details such as signage has not kept pace.

Pravar, Director at Bengawalk, told Bangalore Mirror that when one looks at signages in metros of other cities such as Delhi, the number of signages being low and of poor quality, both in terms of material and information in Bengaluru becomes very visible. "It's a missed opportunity. The biggest examples are the underground metros and the interchanges — Majestic and now the RV Road. There is no understanding of the design system. There is not enough investment being made to ensure the job (designing) is done correctly. The time taken to navigate reduces significantly with clear signages which in-turns makes the station safer, especially during crowding hours," he explained. He suggested that horizontal representation of the stations rather than the present vertical would better serve users.

Pravar recalled that a video by Bengawalk a few years ago, capturing the inadequacies in signages and the hassle of navigating them in the Majestic interchange station gained traction through media attention. "The BMRCL then raised a tender for a rehaul of the signage system at the station. We had applied for it too, among others. However, it was abruptly cancelled and has not been revived, since there has been no pressure. The department was only briefly interested," he noted.

The map of Majestic, showing all the different transit systems within the area and directions to help commuters get from one to another seamlessly, by Bengawalk, released soon after the video was also much appreciated by social media users.

MA Ravinder, on X, suggested that the signages that display information of metro feeders buses by the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) running to and from the metro stations would also immensely help commuters who require first and last mile connectivity.

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WHY CHRISTMAS SONGS SOUND FESTIVE

Musical signs, sleigh bells and nostalgia shape how holiday music feels Christmassy

Within the first notes of many classic Christmas songs, we are transported directly into the festive season. But why is it that these particular pieces of music immediately make us think of the holidays?

In his book Music's Meanings, popular music researcher Philip Tagg explores how listeners construe the music they hear. Tagg applies semiotics—the study of how we interpret signs in the world around us—to music. These musical "signs" may be understood differently by different listeners, and their meanings can change over time.

To illustrate this idea, Tagg uses the example of the pedal guitar. Originally drawn from Hawaiian musical traditions, the instrument once carried strong associations with the islands. Over time, however, it became a defining feature of country music. Today, Tagg argues, most listeners immediately think of country music when they hear a pedal guitar, without the idea of Hawaii ever crossing their minds.

Just as the pedal guitar places us firmly in the realm of country music, there is one instrument that does the same for Christmas: sleigh bells.

From light orchestral pieces such as Prokofiev's Troika (1933) to modern pop tracks like Ariana Grande's Santa Tell Me (2014), sleigh bells have long acted as a convenient shorthand for composers, signalling to listeners that a piece belongs to the Christmas canon.

The origins of this association lie outside music itself. Christmas is strongly linked with winter and snowy weather. Sleighs, used historically as a mode of transport in such conditions, became culturally tied to the season. The bells attached to sleighs, intended to warn pedestrians of their approach, inherited that association. Over time, as with Tagg's pedal guitar example, we stopped thinking about the sleigh entirely. The sound of bells alone now signals Christmas.

There is also a broader connection to the bell family. Church bells have long been rung to mark religious celebrations, particularly the birth of Christ. As a result, larger bells have developed a symbolic presence not only in Christmas music, but also in Christmas decorations and visual art.

This musical shorthand is easy to hear in popular Christmas playlists. In 2023, the UK Official Charts Company published a list of the 40 most-streamed Christmas songs. Listen closely and you will find bell-like sounds in the majority of them, from the glockenspiel-style introduction of Mariah Carey's All I Want for Christmas Is You (1994) to the synthesised tubular bells in Band Aid's Do They Know It's Christmas? (1984).

Other musical elements also help spread Christmas cheer, including lyrical melodies and bright brass sections. Most of these features share one important characteristic: they are not particularly modern sounds. Instead, they evoke an earlier era and remind us of the past.

Christmas is, at its core, a nostalgic holiday. The word "nostalgia" originally referred to a form of homesickness rather than the warm remembrance of a hazy past that we associate with it today. Both meanings apply neatly to Christmas. It is a time when many people travel home to be with family, making not only a geographical journey but a temporal one as well—stepping into a world shaped by tradition, familiarity and slower rhythms of life.

Artists are acutely aware of this. They feed our nostalgia through music, lyrics and visuals that evoke earlier decades. This may explain why most Christmas albums consist largely of reinterpretations of established holiday classics rather than original material. Familiar songs allow listeners to connect immediately, making the music feel comforting and accessible.

Some performers take this nostalgic appeal even further by adopting what might be considered the quintessential Christmas style: the easy-listening crooner. Voices like those of Bing Crosby and Nat King Cole, wrapped in light orchestral arrangements, have become inseparable from the festive season. Outside of Christmas, this sound is rarely heard in mainstream popular music.

A recent example illustrates the enduring power of this style. When Billie Eilish performed Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas on Saturday Night Live in 2023, she set aside her usual electronic textures. Instead, she opted for a traditional trio of piano, drums and upright bass, delivering the song in a gentle, warming vocal style. The result evoked an imagined simpler past, complete with glowing fires and softly falling snow.

This brings us back to the list of the most-streamed Christmas songs. One artist appears twice in the top 20: Michael Bublé, with tracks from his 2011 album Christmas. The album is a perfect synthesis of Christmas musical signifiers. It is crooned throughout, built on lightly orchestrated arrangements of familiar songs, and, of course, features sleigh bells. In short, it captures everything we have come to recognise as unmistakably Christmassy. Through repetition, tradition and shared cultural memory, these musical cues continue to anchor Christmas firmly in our collective imagination, ensuring that a few familiar sounds can instantly transform an ordinary moment into a festive one.

—By Samuel J Bennett, Nottingham Trent University
The Conversation, PTI

MIRRORLIGHTS

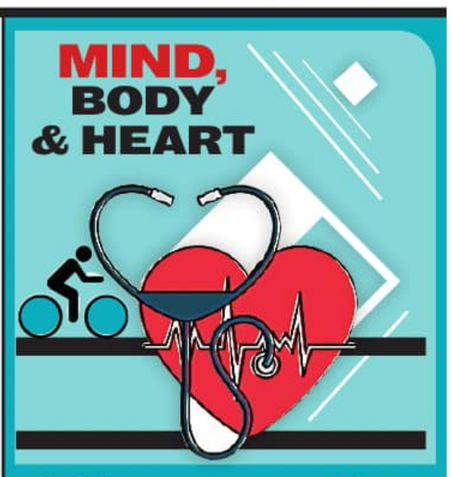
Delhi study shows men record higher lung pollution deposition levels overall

Men in Delhi inhale significantly higher amounts of polluted air than women while commuting, according to a five-year study analysing respiratory exposure to particulate matter in the city. The study, titled "Respiratory deposition of particulate matter in Delhi: A five-year assessment of exposure patterns and health risks", was conducted by researchers from Netaji Subhas University of Technology, Delhi, in collaboration with a Noida-based environmental consultancy.

Researchers analysed air quality data from 39 monitoring stations across Delhi between 2019 and 2023 and found clear gender-based differences in lung deposition of particulate matter. While sitting, men recorded about 1.4 times higher PM2.5 deposition and 1.34 times higher PM10 deposition than women. During walking, lung deposition among men was around 1.2 times higher than women for both PM2.5 and PM10. The researchers attributed this to higher breathing volume and airflow in men, leading to greater intake of polluted air.

Using an internationally accepted dose-based model, the study calculated how much particulate matter actually enters and settles in different regions of the lungs, rather than merely measuring ambient pollution levels. The findings revealed that lung deposition of PM2.5 among Delhi residents was nearly 10 times higher than India's prescribed air quality standards and about 40 times higher than levels estimated under World Health Organisation guidelines.

The study also found that walking resulted in two to three times higher lung deposition than sitting across both genders. Men walking recorded the highest exposure, followed by women walking, men sitting, and women sitting. **—PTI**



All you need to know about...

Fitness myths

Weight change is closely tied to lifestyle habits. If you are following fitness routines and diet plans diligently but still not seeing results, these factors may be holding you back.

Label Awareness
Many packaged foods marketed as "healthy" can be misleading. Always read nutrition labels carefully and track calories, carbohydrates, sugar, and protein intake. Products labelled "low fat" often compensate with added sugars to enhance taste. Blindly purchasing such items can quietly sabotage your efforts, so informed choices are essential.

Workout Variety
Repeating the same exercise routine causes the body to adapt, reducing calorie burn over time. Introducing variety—strength training, cardio, flexibility, and different intensities—keeps muscles challenged and metabolism active, helping burn fat more efficiently.

Liquid Calories
What you drink matters as much as what you eat. Smoothies, flavoured yogurts, soft drinks, and packaged juices often contain high sugar levels. These liquid calories go unnoticed but significantly increase daily intake. Staying mindful of beverages can make a major difference.

Sleep Deficit
Adequate sleep of seven to eight hours is vital for weight management. Poor sleep slows metabolism, affects digestion, and disrupts hunger hormones, making fat loss harder despite disciplined habits.

Stress Overload
Chronic stress elevates cortisol levels, triggering hormonal imbalances linked to fat storage, especially around the abdomen. Managing stress is crucial for sustainable weight loss and overall health.

—Femina

Chai-Time

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

$\sqrt{6}\,(5\sqrt{24} - \sqrt{6}) = ?$

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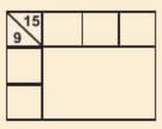
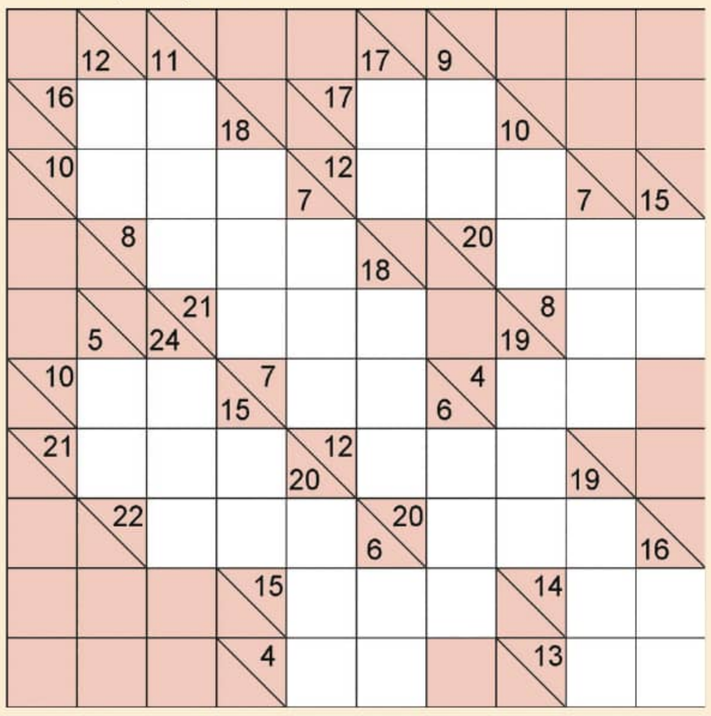
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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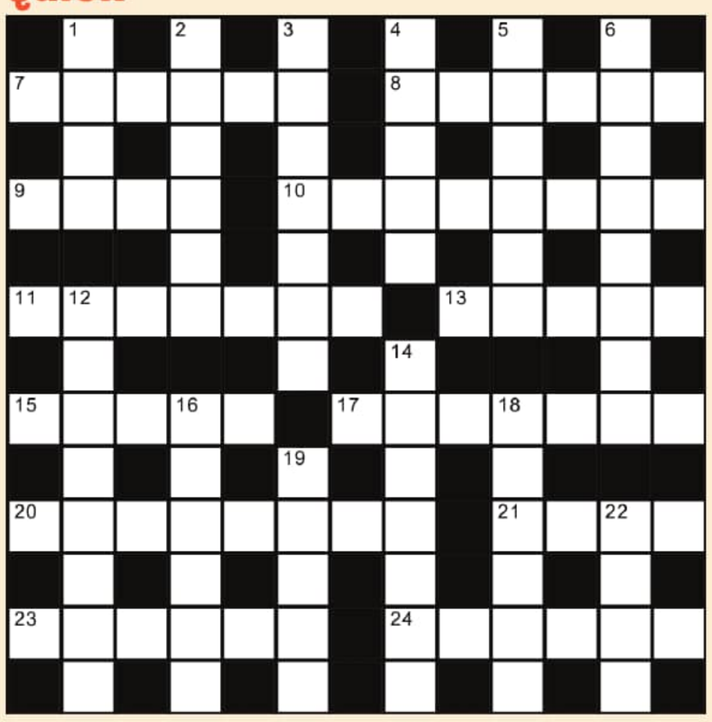


ACROSS

7 Jeering (6)
8 Gets up (6)
9 A young horse (4)
10 ___ commas : quotation marks? (8)
11 Golf shots (7)
13 Previous (5)
15 Up to now (2,3)
17 Female wild cat (7)
20 A type of plant pigment (8)
21 Mould into shape (4)
23 Ski race (6)
24 Persuading or inducing (6)

DOWN

1 Mediocre (2,2)
2 Mediaeval painter (6)
3 Sets fire to (7)
4 Give up intentionally (5)
5 Reflect (6)
6 Progresses, prospers or grows (8)
12 Way before time (3,5)
14 Mentally confused (5-2)
16 Hospital on Bannerghatta Road (6)
18 Sanctuary (6)
19 Smiles broadly or sunnily (5)
22 Called (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: A EQUALS N

AN PYA BLN LYH NAST LTYFVUKD YAX BLNK.KD KYWILTX SYA OT YKVNITVLTF UFFTS.KYUPYOKD OYX.

Linemaro

Your eyes are amazing, do you know that?

Mindchow

I am a part of all that I have met

Joke of the day

I can't understand why people are frightened of new ideas; I'm frightened of old ones

Loop

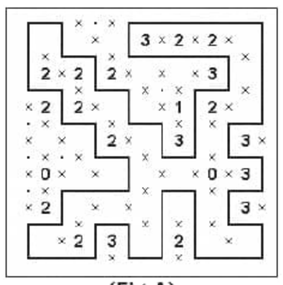
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

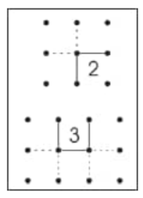
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

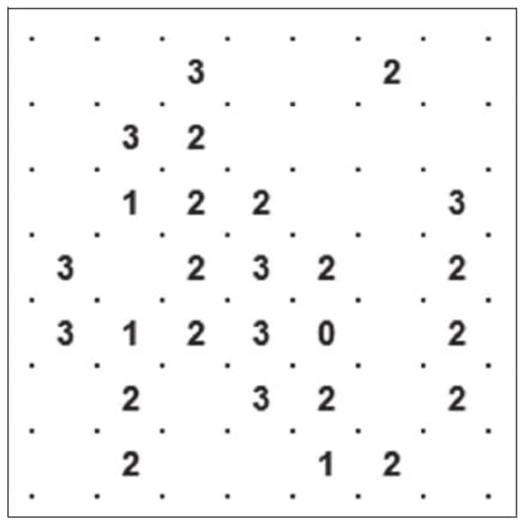
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



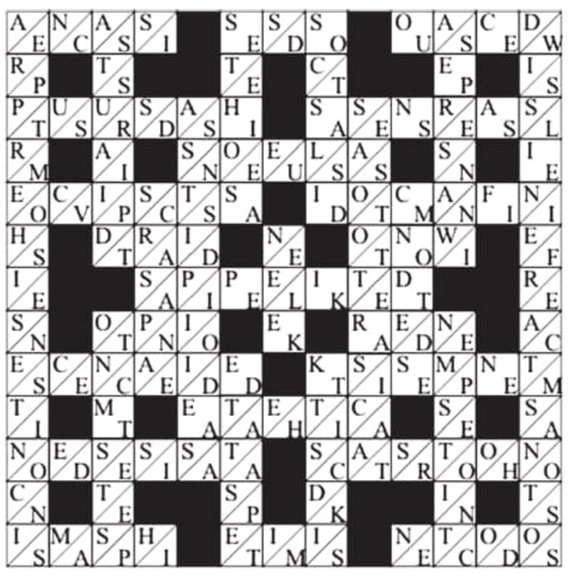
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



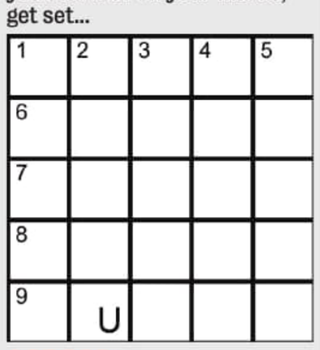
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

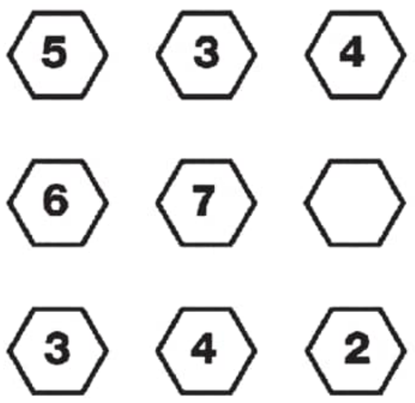
1 At vas; 6 Barre; 7 Raged; 8 Thy IC; 9 Usual

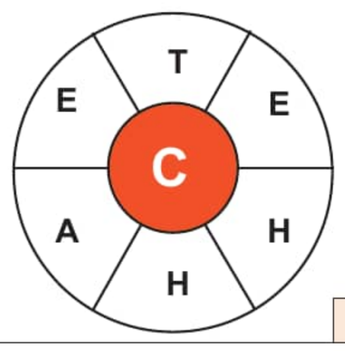
DOWN

1 Grail; 2 True V; 3 Caaba; 4 Had us; 5 Tyres

Mensapuzzle

Which number is missing?





Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; **06** Good; **08** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	5					6		
4		1			3			7
		9	1	6				
5				1	8		6	
		4		3		2		
	3		2	4				9
				9	7	3		
1			4			7		2
		6					5	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 6

2 2 3 7

Medium = 15

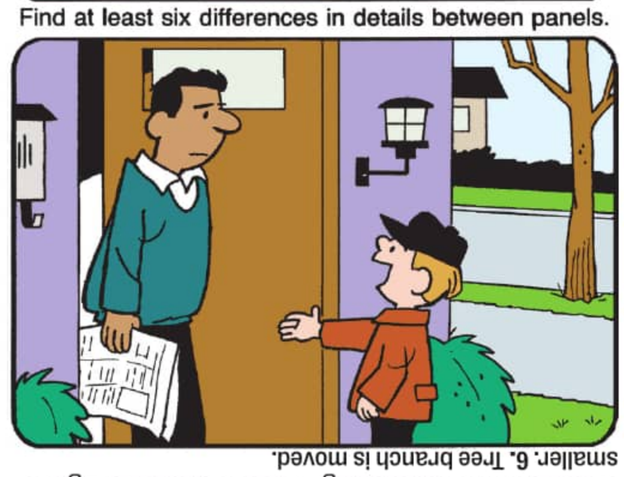
6 3 3 2

Hard = 2

2 6 7 9

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



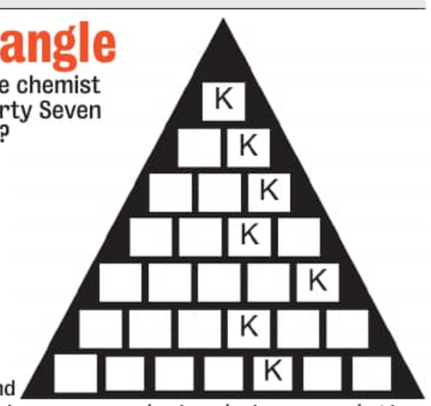
Differences: 1. Boy's arm is lower. 2. Cap is smaller. 3. Man's arm is not showing. 4. Roof is smaller. 5. Light is smaller. 6. Tree branch is moved.

Riddler

A A D F J J J M M N ? What comes next in the series?

Alpha triangle

1 Potassium for the chemist
2 Machine gun _Forty Seven
3 Couples hangout?
4 Garden tool
5 Fall apart
6 Financial worker
7 Coarse fern



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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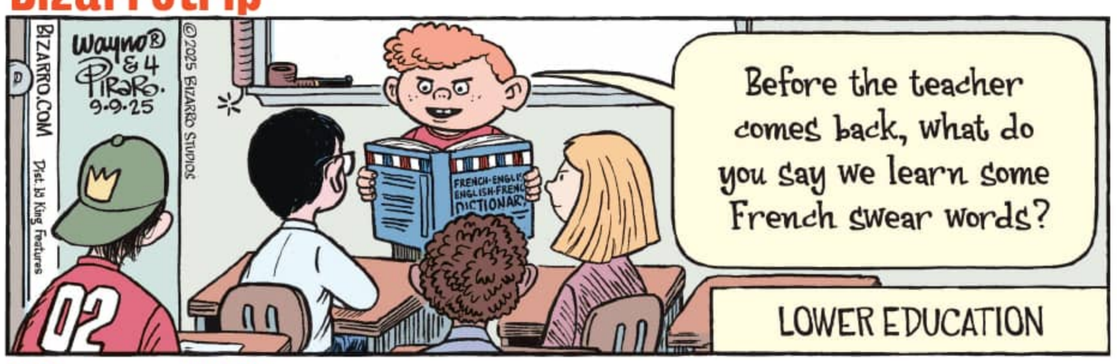
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THE LAST TIME WE HUNG OUT WITH KEVIN, WE WERE ATTACKED BY FIRE ANTS.
THAT WASN'T KEVIN'S FAULT ENTIRELY.
HE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT IF YOU POUR WATER DOWN AN ANTHILL, THEIR ANT TREASURE WILL COME OUT THE OTHER END.
THEN WHOSE FAULT WAS IT?
THE ANTS'?
I'M SURE KEVIN IS TOTALLY NORMAL. YOU WORRY TOO MUCH.
YEAH, WELL, WORRY KEEPS YOU SAFE FROM FIRE ANTS.
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Crankshaft

DAD, YOUR BEAN'S END CATALOG CAME TODAY, AND I'M NOT SHOVING IT UNDER THE BED!
THAT'S OKAY...
I DOWNLOADED IT TO MY PHONE!
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Mutts

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THAT WOOFIE IS ONE TOUGH DUDE!
TOUGH!
THERE'S NOT A MAN OR WOMAN HE WOULDN'T LICK.
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If it's your birthday today

Your intuition is particularly sharp today, guiding you toward hidden opportunities within your current environment. Listen to that quiet inner voice suggesting a dierent route to a known destination. Sagittarians often overlook subtle clues in favour of the spectacular, but today's reward lies in the nuance. Trust what you feel, not just what you see.

Aries Mar 21–Apr 20
Today's encounters stir fond memories and warm nostalgia, gently brightening your mood. Embrace the past's pleasant moments, smile often, and let those recollections inspire your present with gratitude and light.

Taurus Apr 21–May 20
Set aside time to envision your future and personal goals amid responsibilities. Meditate briefly, clarify priorities, and create a thoughtful action plan to pursue ambitions without neglecting current duties and loved ones.

Gemini May 21–Jun 21
A choice looms about keeping a close relationship despite recent negativity. Weigh its importance against emotional cost, prioritise your wellbeing, and decide whether distance or dialogue better serves your peace and growth.

Cancer Jun 22–July 23
Good news approaches, but complete your tasks before celebrating. Balance responsibility with joy; finish obligations, then welcome the positive updates. Practical completion ensures sustained success and wholehearted enjoyment of rewards.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Notice loved ones undergoing change and offer steady support. Your attentive presence and kind aid can ease another's transition, demonstrating compassion and strengthening bonds during their important personal transformations and challenges.

Virgo Aug 24–Sep 23
Adopt a focused, single-task approach today. Resist juggling tasks; instead, complete each carefully to ensure quality. Slowing down improves outcomes and prevents mistakes, building confidence through deliberate, methodical progress.

Libra Sep 24–Oct 22
Take charge of your life by quietly pursuing goals alone. Work steadily toward ambitions without relying on others for validation. Independent effort reveals hidden strengths and fosters self-reliance and personal achievement.

Scorpio Oct 23–Nov 22
Fortunate energies favour both career and personal life. Clear misunderstandings through honest conversation, align intentions, and act decisively. With clarity and focus, you can seize opportunities and accomplish meaningful progress today.

Sagittarius Nov 23–Dec 22
Discipline and organisation will help you manage obstacles. Follow a structured plan, avoid impulsive detours, and persist with steady effrt. Consistent preparation transforms challenges into manageable steps toward success and stability.

Capricorn Dec 23–Jan 20
Enjoy time with friends and prioritise pleasant company today. Avoid family conflicts by staying neutral and focusing on uplifting interactions. Surrounding yourself with positive people brings warmth, ease, and restorative social energy.

Aquarius Jan 21–Feb 19
End your break and refocus on goals with renewed dedication. Recommit to work, relationships, or projects, trading leisure for purposeful effort. Fresh determination opens doors and reignites momentum toward meaningful achievements.

Pisces Feb 20–Mar 20
Collaborative teamwork yields excellent results; honour others' ideas and share responsibilities. Avoid dominating; instead, listen, contribute, and build consensus. Mutual respect strengthens outcomes and deepens professional and interpersonal bonds.

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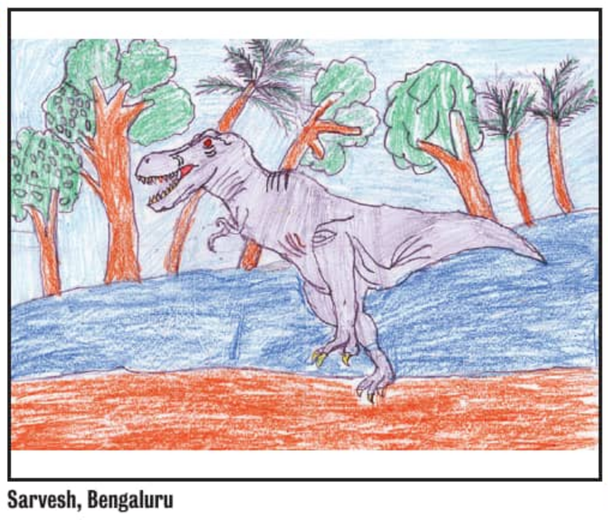

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SOLVE IN 1M
√6 * (10√6 - √6)
√6 * (9√6)
6 * 9 = 54

RIDDLER O S. The series contains the first letter of each month in alphabetical order (April, August, December, February, January, July, June, March, May, November). O and S represent the remaining 2 months, October and September.

BULL'S EYE
ache, chat, cheat, CHEETAH, each, etch, hatch, teach

FAST FIVE

A	V	A	S	T
R	E	B	A	R
G	R	A	D	E
I	T	C	H	Y
L	U	A	U	S

STRIKE OUT

A	N	S	I	■	E	S	S	■	U	S	E	D	■	■
P	■	T	■	E	■	T	■	C	■	E	■	I	■	■
R	A	■	N	O	E	L	S	■	S	■	S	I	■	■
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■	■	■	■	■	■	C	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
E	V	I	C	T	S	■	D	O	M	A	I	N	■	■
H	■	T	R	I	■	E	■	T	O	W	■	F	■	■
E	■	A	P	P	L	I	E	D	■	■	■	E	■	■
N	■	O	■	O	■	K	■	R	E	■	■	C	■	■
S	E	C	E	D	E	■	K	I	S	M	E	T	■	■
I	■	T	■	E	T	H	I	C	■	E	■	A	■	■
O	D	E	S	S	A	■	C	A	R	T	O	N	■	■
N	■	T	■	P	■	K	■	■	■	I	■	T	■	■
S	A	S	H	■	E	M	S	■	N	C	O	S	■	■

QUICK

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S	■	G	■	I	■	W	■	M	■	D	■	■	■	■
B	O	O	I	N	G	■	A	R	I	S	E	S	■	■
S	■	O	■	N	■	I	■	R	■	V	■	■	■	■
C	O	L	T	■	I	N	V	E	R	T	E	D	■	■
S	T	R	O	K	E	S	■	P	R	I	O	R	■	■
■	■	■	■	T	■	T	E	■	O	■	L	■	■	■
■	■	■	■	O	■	S	■	M	■	■	■	P	■	■
S	O	F	A	R	■	T	I	G	R	E	S	S	■	■
C	A	R	O	T	E	N	E	■	F	O	R	M	■	■
R	■	L	■	A	■	D	■	U	■	A	■	■	■	■
S	L	A	L	O	M	■	U	R	G	I	N	G	■	■
Y	■	O	■	S	■	P	■	E	■	G	■	■	■	■

MENSA PUZZLE
8. All vertical and diagonal lines through the centre add up to 14.

QUOTE UNCODE
No man who has once heartily and wholly laughed can be alto. gether irreclaimably bad.

SUDOKU

9	7	6	3	2	1	8	5	4
1	8	3	4	5	6	7	9	2
2	4	5	8	9	7	3	1	6
6	3	7	2	4	5	1	8	9
8	1	4	6	3	9	2	7	5
5	9	2	7	1	8	4	6	3
7	2	9	1	6	4	5	3	8
4	6	1	5	8	3	9	2	7
3	5	8	9	7	2	6	4	1

ALPHA TRIANGLE
K, AK, ARK, Rake, Break, Banker, Bracken.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 - 2 + 7 - 2 = 6
Medium
2 x 3 + 6 + 3 = 15
Hard
6 - 9 + 7 \ 2 = 2

LOOP

KAKURO

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